

About a quarter of the nation's population -- approximately 70 million people -- are potentially eligible for VA benefits and services because they are veterans, family members or survivors of veterans. The Central Coast is home to many that have service in the Armed Services. With such a large local veteran community,

Dealing with the federal bureaucracy to get the assistance you need can be overwhelming. My staff is available to help.

The Department of Veterans Affairs is tasked with ensuring that our nation's veterans and their families receive the medical care, benefits, social support, and lasting memorials they deserve in recognition of their service to this Nation.

The VA administers three areas of services veterans and their families.

- [Veterans Benefits](#) (Education, Home Loans, Vocational Training, and more)
- [Veterans Burial & Memorials](#)
- [Veterans Health](#)
- [Capitola Clinic](#)
- [Monterey Clinic](#)
- [VA Palo Alto Health Care System](#)

VA Suicide Hotline - 800-273-TALK; counselors are available 24/7 to help.

If you find that your questions are not answered here, please do not hesitate to contact my office. In the event you find yourself having a problem with a federal agency and require assistance, please fill out and sign a [privacy release form](#).

Helpful Links

- [Disabled American Veterans](#)
- [Monterey County Military & Veterans Affairs Office](#) - local
- [U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims](#)
- [Veterans Employment Information](#)
- [Veterans of Foreign Wars](#)
- [Veterans History Project](#)
- [Veteran Services of Santa Cruz County](#) - local
- [Veterans Transition Center](#) - local assistance for homeless veterans

Veterans Affairs FAQ's

- How can I check on the status of my VA claim? *Please call:1-800-827-1000*

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[How can I apply for VA benefits?](#)

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[How can I find out about the Post 9/11 GI Bill?](#)

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[How can I obtain a copy of my military records?](#)